



COMMISSION ON DECOLONIZATION
Commission Meeting Meeting
August 7, 2018

Meeting called to order at 3:07 p.m. by Mayor Robert Hoffman

I. Roll Call

- Mayor Robert Hoffman
- Adrian Cruz
- Dr. Lisa Natividad
- Eddie Duenas
- Dr. Michael Bevacqua
- Tristan Quintanilla
- Also present:
 - Eloy Hara
 - Dewey Huffer
 - Amanda Blas
 - Tony Ada
 - Jesse Quenga, UOG RCPP

II. Approval of Minutes: July 3, 2018

- **Motion to approve minutes – Dr. Michael Bevacqua. Seconded by Adrian Cruz . No discussion. No objections.**

III. Continuing Business

- **Self-Determination Study**
 - Still awaiting approval by AG. It was signed by UOG, the Governor, and BBMR.
- **Financial Report**
 - Financial report is attached.
 - o Dr. Bevacqua - Possible cutting of funds?
 - o Any further cutting of funds would not affect this fiscal year, as far as we're concerned. It would affect FY2019.



- **Task Force Updates**

- Free Association Task Force – Adrian Cruz, Chairman*

- o Waiting on equipment. Our planned outreach via media is on hold.

- Independence Task Force – Dr. Michael Bevacqua, Chairman*

- o Na'la'la' Concert
 - a. last week here at Adelup, good sized crowd
 - o UN Report Back
 - a. A report-back to include people doing different work: Amanda Blas, Camarin Quitugua, Pim Limtiaco, Julia Munoz
 - b. Tentative date: August 23, CLASS Lecture Hall, 6pm

- Statehood Task Force – Eddie Duenas*

- o We had a small float in the parade. We are having reorganization of our support group that we had more than 10 years ago. Some have passed away. We're working on our roadside signs. we want to save some of our money to send our pamphlets through bulk mail.

- *United Nations Fourth Committee*

- Amanda Blas – The Commission has said they want to continue interaction with the Fourth Committee. There are correspondences in the packet, which we send to the Heads of State and UN Ambassadors on the country's independence day. I know last time there was a question about speaking digitally. I am in contact with the Fourth Committee. They continue to reach out to me. We haven't received a response regarding digital testimony.

- Dr. Natividad – **Motion – for Amanda to be, in her volunteer capacity, our link to the UN on different matters and affairs.** Even if working with the chair's office, it's best if we have one point of contact. **Seconded by Adrian Cruz.**

- o Tony Ada – I think continuity will be good.
 - o Dewey Huffer – Thank you for volunteering your time.
 - o **No objection. Passes.**

IV. New Business

- Thank you for your presence and for statehood's entry into the parade. I hope that in the coming years we could have slots for each of the task forces individually.
- FY 2019 Budget



- There should be documents. We are looking at a significant cut. Prior to the meeting, I worked with the task forces to get statements because a large portion would come from the task force budgets. If you wanted to send one from the Commission as a whole, we can. Mariana will be sending out the three task force statements today. If a statement were to be put it, it would have to be done at this meeting. Now would be the time to discuss it. They're debating the budget bill right now.
- Tony Ada – they are still on section 2 of the budget bill. I think it's important we send it immediately so they can make the necessary adjustments. We need to show how important it is to have our budget remain status quo or increase. We can't afford to lose our funding now and go back to where we started after coming so far.
- Dr. Bevacqua - Motion – Submit a letter as testimony on the budget bill. Seconded by Adrian Cruz.**
- Dr. Natividad – can I add to the motion – If we can itemize the accomplishments made in the past few years to build the case that there is momentum. No objections.**
- **UOG Marketing Plan – Jesse Quenga, RCPP – proposal packet provided**
 - Mission: Raise awareness through extensive educational media campaign program on decolonization. It will feature the three political status options and enable the people of Guam to make an informed decision.
 - Budget categories: traditional media campaign, social media campaign, island conference on self-determination
 - Targeting one full year
 - Mayor Hoffman – could we reach out to PBS for free services?
 - Jesse Quenga – Yes we could sit down with them.
 - Dr. Natividad – what do other costs include?
 - Jesse Quenga – those would be unanticipated amounts, including increasing dollar amounts for anything or production costs including contracting someone to make a professional ad. That is dependent on how the Commission chooses to present that content and what direction we take.
 - Eddie Duenas – will this extensive program come in the way of our (task force's) educational campaigns? Do we just sit back and let them do it?



- Mayor Hoffman – you will provide a lot of the content. None of us are experts on media. This is the reason why. They are going to help steer us to get the maximum exposure for the amount.
- Amanda Blas – the task force’s budgets will still be for your own campaign. This one is a more well-rounded campaign to equally show all task forces for the commission as a whole.
- Dr. Natividad – My concern is that it’s only for one year. Could we spread it out over a period of time? At least 3 years maybe. Could we deliver the information in layers?
- Jesse Quenga – Our biggest problem would be the funding. If they expire, how do we commit them before they are lost. That’s something we’ll need to discuss. Otherwise we definitely could spread out the campaign.
- **Decolonization Conference** – *Dr. Natividad* – proposal provided
 - Tristan Quintanilla – what is the purpose of inviting DOI Secretary Ryan Zinke?
 - Dr. Natividad – he is the secretary of the DOI, and the way I have it structured is 2 days of conferencing, 1 of meetings.
 - Adrian Cruz – Robert Underwood went to a DOI conference and they said that Free Association is the only option that they will entertain, but with Chuuk trying to secede from the FSM, they are saying now they will never entertain a compact like that again. The US has said that all our options are not options at all. The purpose is that we need someone in the highest level we can get to, to say clearly what are the real options for Guam, and how can we resolve our colonization issues.
 - Dr. Natividad – we are criticized for not engaging our administering power. We were lucky to meet with the US ambassador. There hasn’t been much opportunity. DOI is our direct link to the US Federal government.
 - Proposed budget: \$48,970
 - o Food, venue (looking at UOG lecture hall), conference materials, airfare, hotels, per diem, visas
 - o I’m hoping we don’t get charged professional fees
 - I suggest we establish a subcommittee to collect input.
 - Dr. Bevacqua – Motion: to accept proposal and endorse Decolonization Conference, and create a subcommittee. Seconded by Adrian Cruz. No objections.**



- Amanda Blas – are we doing about marketing plan? So we can check on the DOI funding for that as well.
- Adrian Cruz – do we have enough money for all three? The study, marketing plan, and the conference?
- Mariana Pangelinan – If the conference is removed from the marketing plan, there will be enough for all three.
- Adrian Cruz – Motion: revisit marking plan. Seconded by Tristan Quintanilla.**
- Dr. Natividad – in terms of mobilization? When could it be started?
- Jesse Quenga – we could move it along depending on source of funding and availability of funds.
- Adrian Cruz - Motion: Accept marketing plan in the amount of \$84,500 to come from the DOI Funding. Seconded by Dr. Natividad. No objections.**
- Adrian Cruz – motion: Revisit Decolonization Conference proposal. Seconded by Tristan. No objections.**
- Motion: Appropriate up to \$50,000 for the decolonization conference. Seconded by Dewey Huffer. No discussion. No objections.**

V. **Next Meeting: September 4, 2018**

VI. **Open Discussion**

- Mariana Pangelinan – task forces - send email for procurement needs ASAP.

VII. **Adjournment**

- **Motion to adjourn – Dewey Huffer**

Meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m.